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SECTION 117 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Representative **COBB-HUNTER** proposes the following amendment:

Amend

117.109. (GP: South Carolina Welcome Centers *and Rest Areas*) (A) The Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism and the Department of Transportation shall maintain a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that provides that the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism shall control operations of all South Carolina Welcome Centers. The MOU shall include replacement, renovation and maintenance of the facilities, daily operations, and grounds maintenance and upkeep and shall clearly define responsibility for additional portions of Welcome Centers to include paving and sidewalks. The Department of Transportation shall transfer to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism the amount of \$3,563,560 less any state funds appropriated by the General Assembly for the same purpose. The Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism assumes responsibility for this amount and the timing of the transfer of these funds shall be defined as part of the MOU. The funds transferred to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism shall be placed in a separate and distinct fund and these funds shall be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year and be expended for the same purposes.

(B) The Department of Transportation is directed to ensure that firms the department contracts with to perform services at South Carolina Rest Areas pay their employees for performing such services in a timely manner. If the department determines that the contracted firm does not pay these employees in a timely manner, the department shall delay the next contractual payment to the firm by the same number of days that payment to its contracted employees was delayed.